



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

Hydroponics Manager

(Two month short-term cover contract – between March to May 2020)

Are you looking for a unique opportunity to support our growing experience on a temporary basis in a remote location?

Ascension is a small volcanic island situated in the tropical South Atlantic with a warm stable climate (26-34°C), excellent beaches and distinctive biodiversity. This is a unique opportunity to contribute to the health and wellbeing of those living and working on Ascension and to be part of a welcoming and friendly island community.

The Ascension Island Government (AIG) is looking for an experienced individual to provide cover to the existing Hydroponics Manager for a two month period beginning in March 2020. The successful candidate will be responsible for overseeing crop production at our small-scale hydroponics farm site. This is an important role for both AIG and the island, as the site provides the only supply of fresh produce between supply ships.

The Hydroponics Manager is therefore responsible for ensuring the regular supply of consistently high quality vine and leafy green variety crops. You will also be responsible for managing the relationships with local retailers. You will need to be practical and able to deal with day-to-day maintenance of the facility as well as manage the supplies and equipment to keep the site operational. You will be working with an experienced youth trainee to maintain current output levels of around 175kg of vine crops and 150 bags of leafy greens per month.

We are offering a short-term two month contract with a benefit package including a salary of £13,000 and:

- Food allowance of £3,089 pro rata
- Return journey to the country of recruitment/residence
- Rent free housing, with electricity and water allowances
- Free primary medical and dental care

To be successful you will be experienced growing a range of crops for commercial sale and familiar with food safety and hygiene standards. You will be sufficiently experienced with identifying and overcoming issues related to pests and disease, and familiar maintaining profit and loss accounts. This is a physical role and you will need to be fit and like outdoor work in all weather conditions.

This is a single status role. As such you will not be able to bring family to live with you, although they may be able to visit on a tourist visa.

To find out more about the role, or for an informal discussion, please contact:

Operations Manager, Siobhan Stewart, siobhan.stewart@ascension.gov.ac, or
Assistant Director of Human Resources, Carolyn Nutkins, Carolyn.nutkins@ascension.gov.ac

To apply visit: <https://www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/vacancies>

Closing date: **Wednesday 19 February, 12midday**

Interviews: **TBC, between 20 and 24 February via Skype**

Please note that because of flight arrangements, the successful candidate would be required to arrive on Ascension on Saturday 14 March and depart on Sunday 10 May.